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Dear Cdr Sewell,

As the NAVAREA III Co-ordinator, and following the guidelines in the NAVTEX International Service Manual, I have been performing the tasks of reception and consideration of a proposal submitted by Turkey last 2008, regarding the amendment of service areas assigned to NAVTEX stations in the Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean Seas, as the aforementioned country expresses to be in disagreement with the current set up. This proposal was circulated among the countries with NAVTEX station service areas bordering the areas affected by the proposal by Turkey, requesting their comments. After receiving the responses from these countries, we can summarize the whole procedure, including the considerations by this NAVAREA III Co-ordinator, as follows:

1. Proposal by Turkey

A letter dated 3 March 2008 (Ref. 7502) from the Vice Secretary for Maritime Issues of the Shipping General Directorate of Turkey expressed the disagreement of Turkey with the configuration of the limits of NAVTEX station service areas in the Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean Seas, shown in the draft scheme presented by NAVAREA III Co-ordinator during the meeting of Mediterranean and Black Seas national NAVTEX service Co-ordinators (Monaco, 18-19 th January 2006). Specifically:

- Antalya Station. The limits for this station are considered as inadequate, and conversations among all relevant countries should be started in the appropriate forum so as to resolve this issue, which carries political implications.*
- Izmir Station. Current limits for this station, covering the Aegean Sea, are considered as inadequate, as the area under Turkish responsibility is considered as too small.*

2. Procedure regarding the Turkish proposal

The Director of this Instituto Hidrográfico de la Marina (IHM), as the NAVAREA III Co-ordinator, following the NAVTEX Service Manual, was responsible of receiving the proposal submitted by Turkey, which was reviewed for potential errors and then circulated among the countries with NAVTEX station service areas bordering the new areas proposed by Turkey. The step-by-step timeline has been as follows:

- Turkey informs the Director of the IHM of their disagreement with the current configuration of the limits of NAVTEX station service areas in the Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean Seas. (03.03.08, Ref.7502).*

